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1. IN AN EDITORIAL HEADED "RUSSIANS-LEFT OUT IN THE COLD - THE MALAWI DAILY TIMES CALLS RUSSIAN MOVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST CLUMSY DIPLOMACY, "WHICH IS HARDLY LIKELY TO IMPROVE THE SOVIET POSITION IN THE AREA IN THE LONG RUN."

2. "NOR IS IT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PERSISTENT NEGOTIATION," THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES, "BASED ON A RECOGNITION OF THE FULL SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL PARTICIPANTS - IN WHICH DR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN ENGAGED. THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE SITUATION RESULTING FROM THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. THIS HAS NOT BEEN GOOD FOR THE FUTURE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. DR. KISSINGER HAS EARNED WORLDWIDE APPROVAL FOR HIS DIPLOMACY AND FOR HIS PERSISTENCE, AND THERE ARE INCREASING REPORTS FROM CAIRO THAT AMERICAN INFLUENCE THERE IS GROWING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION..."

3. "THE SOVIET UNION IS BEING LEFT OUT IN THE COLD, AND THE WORD HAS GONE OUT IN CAIRO THAT WHILE RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION ARE CORRECT THOSE WITH THE UNITED STATES ARE NOW EXTREMELY CORDIAL."
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